

REMARKS

Election

The Examiner has required restriction between the following groups of claims:

Group I Claims 1-15, 23-24, 26-28 and 31, and

Group II Claims 16-22 and 32.

Applicant elects with traverse the claims of Group I, *i.e.*, 1-15, 23-24, 26-28 and 31. Claims 16-22 and 32 have been withdrawn, without prejudice to pursue in a divisional application.

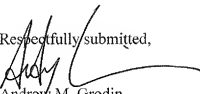
Should the Examiner deem further clarification of the record is in order, we invite a telephone call to the Applicant's undersigned attorney to expedite further processing of the application to allowance.

Correspondence and Fees

No fees are believed to be necessitated by the instant response. However, should this be in error, authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account no. 03-3839 for any underpayment, or to credit any overpayments.

Please address all correspondence to the correspondent address for **Customer No. 26345 of Intellectual Docket Administrator, Gibbons P.C.**, One Gateway Center, Newark, NJ 07102. Telephone calls should be made to Andrew M. Grodin at (973) 596-4553.

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